

35. (New) The article of claim 31, further comprising instructions which, if executed, enable the system to store the telephone call in a call history in the system.

36. (New) The article of claim 31, further comprising instructions which, if executed, enable the system to allow a user to define a search path for searching a plurality of remote sources for the information.

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X 37. (New) The system of claim 9, wherein the system comprises a portable device to be coupled to a telephone line or a computer system.

38. (New) The system of claim 37, further comprising a printer housed in the portable device.

39. (New) The system of claim 37, wherein the portable device is coupled to the computer system to synchronize data between the first database and a memory of the computer system.

Remarks:

Pending claims 9-13 stand rejected under § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 5,675,637 (Szlam). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. Claim 9 is patentable as Szlam does not disclose a system having storage to store a first database with a plurality of records and an application to access a telephone number of a second party to an outgoing telephone call and search the first database for a record containing the telephone number. Accordingly, claim 9 and claims 10-13 are patentable

over Szlam. For at least the same reasons, new dependent claims 37-39 are patentable over Szlam.

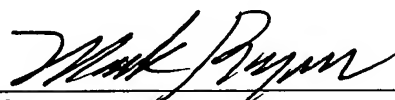
Pending claim 14 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Szlam in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,160,877 (Tatchell). For at least the same reasons discussed above as to claim 9, claim 14 is patentable over the proposed combination.

New claims 23-36 are patentable over the cited art, as neither reference teaches or suggests a method or an article which receives in a first system a search query for information; obtains the information from the first system if it is present there; searches at least one remote source for the information if it is not present in the first system; and provides the information to the first system from the remote source.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504.

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APPENDIX

1 10. (Amended) The system of claim 9 wherein said
2 application includes instructions to automatically [initiates]
3 initiate a search for information related to said record in a
4 second database.

1 11. (Amended) The system of claim 10 wherein said
2 application includes instructions to transmit [transmits] a
3 search query and receive [receives] search results to obtain
4 extended data related to said record in a database external to
5 said system.

1 12. (Amended) The system of claim 11 wherein [if said
2 information is found in said external database] said application
3 includes instructions to automatically store [stores] said
4 information in said first database if said information is found
5 in said external database.